

# Lanesborough Agricultural Commission

## Minutes

November 7, 2013

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Lanesborough Town Hall in the Planning Board Meeting Room.

Attendees: Darlene Newton, Marvin Michalak, Mike Gallagher, and Pete Gallant.

### **Old Business**

#### 1. Keep Berkshire Farming

A meeting to summarize the work of the program is planned for the near future. An email will be forwarded to commission members.

#### 2. Lanesborough School Garden

It was noted that the tomatoes did well. Weather issues did not allow the garden to develop as it could have. The main issues remain the summer schedule for garden maintenance and weeding. The installation of a fence is still a work-in-progress. It was suggested that planting of some crops could be done such that the vegetables could be available to the school before the end of the school year.

#### 3. MAAC Meeting Dates

Registration forms were filled out for commission members to attend the meeting on December 7 at Hancock Shaker Village.

#### 4. MAAC Small Grant Program

The grant has been submitted and received. It is for \$350 with \$250 being contributed from the Commission. It will cover the cost of fence posts and a composter for the Lanesborough Elementary School Garden.

#### 5. Rabies Clinic

It was reported that the date will be February 11, 2014, from 5-6 pm at the Town Garage with permission from the selectmen. Posting of a poster was discussed. The cost will remain at \$10..

### **New Business**

#### 1. Bradley Farm

It was noted that this is under new ownership. It was suggested that the commission introduce ourselves and offer any assistance, if needed.

## 2. USDA Alert

A bulletin was issued by the USDA indicating that there is a fraudulent letter circulating.

The next meeting will be December 5, 2013, at 7 pm.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:08 pm.